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Flathead County

Located in northwestern Montana, Flathead County is Montana's fourth most populous with 76,269 residents, according to the 2001 estimates produced by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Kalispell, the county seat, is the state's seventh largest city with a population of 14,223, according to the 2000 Census. The city is the trade center of northwest Montana and located at the junction of U.S. Highways 2 and 93. The area is renowned for its Flathead cherries and Christmas tree farms. It's also a gateway to Glacier National Park and located between the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Montana's largest, and the Flathead Indian Reservation.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1893 and the area was called 'the park between the mountains' by the Salish Indians.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Flathead County households in 1999 was \$34,466. The county is 5,256.6 square miles in area; 5,098.6 square miles in land area and 158.0 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average daily low in Kalispell (airport readings) in January between 1971 and 2000 was 13.8 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 80.2 degrees above. The average annual precipitation during the same period was 17.21 inches. The growing season was from May 23 to Sept. 18 (last and first frost).

Flathead County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	2001 Census Estimate	2000 Census	1990 Census	1980 Census	% Change '00 to '01	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '80 to '90
Montana	904,433	902,195	799,065	786,690	0.2%	12.9%	1.6%
Flathead County	76,269	74,471	59,218	51,966	2.4%	25.8%	14.0%
Columbia Falls	NA	3,645	2,921	3,112	NA	24.8%	-6.1%
Kalispell	NA	14,223	11,917	10,689	NA	19.4%	11.5%
Whitefish	NA	5,032	4,368	3,703	NA	15.2%	18.0%

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

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Resources

Annual Average Labor Force For Flathead County

Year	Civilian Labor Force		Unemployment Rate
	Employed	Unemployed	
2001	39,943	37,585	5.9%
2000	39,633	37,247	6.0%
1999	38,112	35,431	7.0%
1998	38,312	35,279	7.9%
1997	37,541	34,763	7.4%
1996	36,646	33,953	7.3%
1995	35,837	32,919	8.1%
1994	35,725	33,322	6.7%
1993	34,522	32,014	7.3%
1992	32,590	29,872	8.3%
1991	31,029	28,179	9.2%
1990	30,299	28,010	7.6%
1989	30,564	28,232	7.6%
1988	29,703	27,076	8.8%
1987	29,567	27,126	8.3%
1986	29,554	26,910	8.9%
1985	29,937	27,413	8.4%
1984	28,973	26,724	7.8%
1983	26,518	23,726	10.5%
1982	24,637	21,453	12.9%
1981	24,131	21,695	10.1%
1980	23,339	21,408	8.3%
1979	23,469	21,925	6.6%
1978	22,930	21,114	7.9%
1977	21,124	19,282	8.7%
1976	19,013	17,281	9.1%
1975	17,742	15,925	10.2%
1974	17,714	16,073	9.3%
1973	16,673	15,505	7.0%
1972	15,832	14,697	7.2%
1971	14,623	13,612	6.9%
1970	14,209	13,209	7.0%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2002 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	27,750	15,275	12,475
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations			
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	5,677	2,815	2,862
Professional Specialty Occupations	2,492	1,442	1,050
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations			
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	3,185	1,373	1,812
Sales Occupations	7,927	2,518	5,409
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	3,447	1,769	1,678
Service Occupations			
Private Household Occupations	3,781	403	3,378
Protective Service Occupations	327	287	40
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	3,930	1,077	2,853
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	1,342	1,147	195
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	3,238	3,086	152
Mechanics and Repairers	1,171	1,157	14
Construction Trade	1,320	1,280	40
Extractive Occupations	18	18	0
Precision Production Occupations	729	631	98
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers			
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	5,049	4,290	759
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	1,702	1,389	313
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	1,902	1,734	168
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	139	49	90

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM)

⇒ Chambers of Commerce:
 Bigfork Chamber, P.O. Box 237, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-5888
 Columbia Falls Chamber, Box 312, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-2072
 Kalispell Chamber, 15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-758-2800
 Lakeside-Somers Chamber, P.O. Box 177, Lakeside, MT 59922, 406-844-3715
 Whitefish Chamber, P.O. Box 1120, Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-3501

⇒ Department of Labor and Industry

Flathead Job Service Workforce Center
 427 1st Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59903-1879, 406-758-6200,
<http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/local/kalispell/>

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⇒ Housing Costs:

Northwest Montana Association of REALTORS®, 690 N Meridian, Suite 105, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-752-4197

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Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>
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⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Kalispell—35 W. Reserve Drive, 406-257-2128

⇒ Newspapers:

Bigfork Eagle, P.O. Box 406, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-5131 <http://www.bigforkeagle.com/>
Hungry Horse News, P.O. Box 189, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-2151.
<http://www.hungryhorse-news.com/>
The Daily Inter Lake, P.O. Box 7610, Kalispell, MT 59904, 406-755-7000,
<http://www.dailyinterlake.com/>
Whitefish Pilot, P.O. Box 488, Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-3505
<http://www.whitefishpilot.com/>

⇒ Public Libraries:

Bigfork Branch Library, 525 Electric Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911-0472, 406-837-6976
 Columbia Falls Branch Library, 130 6th St. W. #C, Columbia Falls, MT 59912-3609, 406-892-5919
 Flathead County Library, 247 1st Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901-4598, 406-758-5820
 Lakeside Community Library, 100 Biernier Creek Road #1, Lakeside, MT 59922, 406-844-3917
 Marion Branch Library, 205 Gopher Lane, Marion, MT 59925-1048, 406-854-2333
 Whitefish Branch Library, 9 Spokane Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937-2551, 406-862-6657

Flathead County Employment By Industry*

Annual Averages 2001

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment		
	Business	Wages Paid		Business	Wages Paid		
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	3,661	\$2,879	\$81,970,021	General Merchandise	10	759	\$12,550,143
PRIVATE BUSINESS	3,548	28,571	\$68,360,143	Food Stores	58	1,036	\$17,796,403
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING	96	393	\$7,507,204	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	83	885	\$22,756,989
Agriculture Production/Crops	11	68	\$1,170,645	Apparel & Accessories	35	153	\$1,719,774
Agriculture Production/Livestock	5	33	\$678,170	Furniture Stores	86	432	\$9,912,877
Agriculture Services	75	278	\$4,730,344	Eating & Drinking	246	2,934	\$28,345,708
Forestry	4	12	\$928,045	Miscellaneous Retail	199	885	\$13,137,453
MINING	13	123	\$4,846,524	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	328	1,544	\$50,453,217
Mining & Quarrying-Nonmetal	8	118	\$4,430,404	Banking	25	554	\$16,438,891
CONSTRUCTION	520	2,279	\$67,617,910	Credit Agencies	25	174	\$8,457,279
General Building	184	620	\$17,567,111	Security & Commodity	29	81	\$3,447,664
Heavy Construction	32	318	\$11,862,721	Insurance Carriers	17	190	\$6,520,833
Special Trade	303	1,340	\$38,188,078	Insurance Agents	63	165	\$5,643,466
MANUFACTURING	228	4,036	\$145,793,136	Real Estate	156	369	\$8,081,911
Food Products	11	149	\$3,680,884	Holding & Investments	10	28	\$1,863,153
Textiles	3	10	\$223,031	SERVICES	1,234	10,430	\$225,028,597
Lumber	112	1,742	\$66,202,085	Hotels & Lodging	76	1,230	\$17,455,252
Furniture	3	39	\$652,503	Personal Services	78	250	\$3,458,133
Printing-Publishing	22	293	\$8,891,956	Business Services	183	2,496	\$45,512,395
Chemicals	7	47	\$1,194,771	Auto Repair Services	85	397	\$8,791,680
Stone-Clay-Glass	8	76	\$2,737,183	Miscellaneous Repair Services	40	150	\$1,568,346
Fabricated Metals	7	31	\$775,935	Motion Pictures	14	116	\$907,052
Transportation Equipment	5	51	\$111,564	Amusement & Recreation	100	842	\$10,249,984
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	13	29	\$385,697	Health Services	193	2,967	\$91,112,946
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	189	1,202	\$37,845,786	Legal Services	65	157	\$7,335,729
Local Transportation	17	114	\$10,176,134	Educational Services	15	212	\$4,015,288
Trucking/Warehousing	96	419	\$11,453,024	Social Services	96	589	\$8,642,090
Water Transportation	5	17	\$314,411	Museums-Zoos	5	17	\$159,258
Air Transportation	16	166	\$5,200,099	Membership Organizations	85	401	\$4,382,847
Transportation Services	17	69	\$1,903,928	Engineering Services	145	542	\$18,255,125
Communications	24	219	\$9,110,473	Private Households	39	45	\$872,425
Electricity, Gas, Sanitation	12	195	\$8,777,717	Miscellaneous Services	13	12	\$3,098,848
WHOLESALE TRADE	142	827	\$23,289,645	NONCLASSIFIABLE	6	10	\$216,235
Durable Goods	95	408	\$12,660,113	GOVERNMENT	112	4,307	\$128,329,878
Nondurable Goods	47	418	\$10,629,532	State	17	559	\$14,828,928
RETAIL TRADE	788	7,723	\$121,041,869	Local	58	2,898	\$78,536,422
Building Materials-Garden	68	635	\$14,820,992	Federal	36	849	\$34,964,528

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

Per Capita Personal Income

	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1980	1970
U.S.	\$29,469	\$27,843	\$26,893	\$25,412	\$24,270	\$23,255	\$22,340	\$21,539	\$20,962	\$20,023	\$19,572	\$10,183	\$4,095
Montana	\$22,518	\$21,490	\$21,225	\$19,920	\$19,173	\$18,592	\$17,995	\$17,968	\$17,045	\$16,471	\$15,516	\$9,143	\$3,625
% of National Average	76%	77%	79%	78%	79%	80%	81%	83%	81%	82%	79%	90%	89%
Flathead County	\$23,142	\$21,903	\$22,524	\$20,301	\$19,608	\$19,043	\$18,546	\$18,532	\$17,644	\$16,762	\$15,859	\$9,348	\$3,473
% of National Average	79%	79%	84%	80%	81%	82%	83%	86%	84%	84%	81%	92%	85%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System Released May 2002

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county filters periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment by Industry are updated annually usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income is usually released late spring. Population data for Montana is released in late December and county data in March. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex (2000 Census)

School Age	White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific		Some Other Race		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
	5-11	7,136	3,499	20	7	96	48	48	22	31	15	211	112	162	82	
12-14	3,374	1,637	9	1	33	13	19	9	25	15	70	36	76	37		
15-17	3,627	1,725	5	2	39	21	13	5	26	14	90	48	72	39		
18-21	3,204	1,567	5	1	52	21	14	7	18	9	66	28	65	26		
Total	17,341	8,428	39	11	220	103	94	43	100	53	437	224	375	184		

Working & Voting Age	White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific		Some Other Race		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
	16+	55,783	28,320	60	23	652	333	286	180	214	111	689	350	693	358	
16-64	46,295	23,082	55	21	605	305	254	158	205	108	614	300	644	334		
18+	53,392	27,195	57	22	626	318	276	176	196	103	637	321	643	335		
18-64	43,904	21,957	52	20	579	290	244	154	187	100	562	271	594	311		

Other Age Group	White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific		Some Other Race		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
	0-4	4,160	2,071	22	6	62	29	34	27	27	110	48	108	60		
5-17	14,137	6,861	34	10	168	82	80	36	82	44	371	196	310	158		
18-44	24,841	12,523	38	15	377	191	141	80	131	71	361	166	423	223		
45-64	19,063	9,434	14	5	202	99	103	74	56	29	201	105	171	88		
65+	9,488	5,238	5	2	47	28	32	22	9	3	75	50	49	24		
Total	71,689	36,127	113	38	856	429	390	239	305	162	1,118	565	1,081	553		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100 Percent Data

Compiled by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001

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County of Residence	# Who Work in Flathead County	County of Work	# Who Live in Flathead County
Out of State	73	Out of State	303
Cascade County	25	Cascade County	17
Flathead County	24,221	Flathead County	24,221
Glacier County	19	Gallatin County	24
Lake County	740	Glacier County	15
Lewis & Clark County	10	Hill County	31
Lincoln County	60	Lake County	72
Missoula County	28	Lincoln County	133
Ravalli County	20	Missoula County	58
Sanders County	11	Ravalli County	17
Other Montana Counties	40	Sanders County	18
		Other Montana Counties	51

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.